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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)  
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(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)

Docket Number (Optional)

06005/39970

Application Number 10/790,524-Conf. #2733

Filed March 1, 2004

For **LOCKING MECHANISM FOR A THREADED CONNECTION**

Art Unit 3679

Examiner E. Garcia

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	Fee	Small Entity Fee	
<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	\$
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.☐ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 13-2855. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).☐ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_☒ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 39,811\_\_\_\_\_  
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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

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